

Arlington Recycling Committee
Minutes of 11/8/15

PRESENT Co-Chair Juli Brazile, Co-Chair Gordon Jamieson; Recycling Coordinator Charlotte Milan, Larry Slotnick, Ellen Callaway, Susan Stamps, Yingzi Yang, Paul Goldberg, Pete Howard

MINUTES of 10/1/15 approved as distributed.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Charlotte discussed her monthly report (Ref 1). The number of cars at the Sept Recycling center again increased. This report lists her priority tasks for 2016.

COMMUNITY COLLECTION DAY (CCD) Nov 14: Charlotte provided a map (Ref 2) showing the DPW plan for the various stations. The plan used last spring has been revised to make best use of the space available & to minimize the time required by a resident to drop off material. The biggest change is there will be 3 stations on each of the main 2 lanes. All material except building material, bikes & shredding will be unloaded at each of these stations & kept there. The hope is that 6 cars will be unloaded simultaneously at one stop which should greatly increase throughput. Building material, bikes & shredding will be in a 2nd entrance directly in front of the DPW building. There will be several policemen on duty. They hope to prevent a backup on Mass Ave. Gordon will go to the BoS meeting to promote CCD. (Done 11/09)

COMPOSTING PILOT: Susan will call the names of people interested in kitchen waste composting that Charlotte collected on Town Day. Larry suggested that a free bin may not be a very effective inducement. It might be better to ask people who are already composting to include kitchen waste & invite neighbors to contribute. He will compose a message to post on the A-List. One concern is how to help willing people get started. Jeremy has said he would be willing to visit beginners. Larry will also set up a Google spreadsheet to track this project. Gordon has composed an Advocate article on food waste composting covering all approaches. He will smooth his draft & circulate for comment. (Done & article submitted.)

BUSINESS RECYCLING: We reviewed what has been done so far. There was a discussion on how to proceed. The group thought a new survey would be a good idea and that a trimmed version of the original would be easy. Susan, Ellen and Gordon will review the questions and start editing them. Juli will approach the Chamber to see if we can ask for their help again. Yingzi volunteered to set up the new survey on Google.

PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES (not discussed - left over from last year)

- Bulky waste
- ACMI Recycling Series
- Mounting Recycled Beauty pictures in Town Hall Lobby
- Advocate Articles promised at previous meetings (not discussed):
 - Larry: See something, Say something
 - Erika: Life Cycle Issues
- Plastic bag restrictions locally
- Divert mattresses from waste stream

NEW BUSINESS: Gordon would like 2 barrels on the next agenda.

NEXT MEETING 12/5 - Meetings held 1st Thursday monthly at 7:30 PM in Town Hall Annex 1st Floor

Ref 1 Coordinator's Report
Ref 2 CCD Vendor Set Up

Recycling Center progress

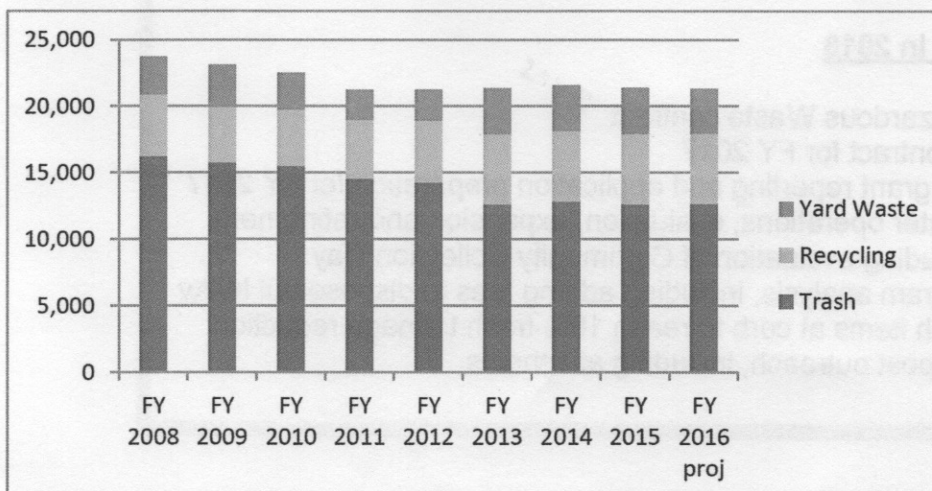
		Foam	Rigid Plastic	E-Waste
June 2015	66 HH	49	25	12
July	100 HH	52	30	40
August	120 HH	73	24	31
September	152 HH	95	50	51
October	193 HH	118	49	87

Municipal Solid Waste Monthly Totals

Month	SW Tons	Rec Tons	YW Tons
October 2014	1,116	495	447
November	972	475	1072
December	1,141	550	115
Januray 2015	888	401	65
February	873	295	0
March	977	409	0
April	1,086	459	473
May	1,088	414	346
June	1,119	484	211
July	1,127	446	261
August	1,047	417	197
September	1,215	427	248

Arlington Municipal Solid Waste Tonnage by Waste Category

	Trash	Recycling	Yard Waste
FY 2008	16,232	4,639	2,881
FY 2009	15,740	4,165	3,216
FY 2010	15,493	4,244	2,799
FY 2011	14,538	4,395	2,332
FY 2012	14,248	4,652	2,381
FY 2013	12,603	5,278	3,503
FY 2014	12,846	5,271	3,488
FY 2015	12,603	5,297	3,506
FY 2016 proj	12,649	5,272	3,435



MA Solid Waste Master Plan targets: Arlington's progress

For Arlington to reach our share of the state's 2020 trash reduction goal we need to reduce trash by another 1,241 tons.

Massachusetts Municipal Solid Waste Master Plan Goals	Arlington trash tonnage goal
Baseline MSW - 2008	16,232 tons- START
in FY16 we are @	12,649 tons
(30%) by 2020	11,362 tons
(80%) by 2050	3,246 tons

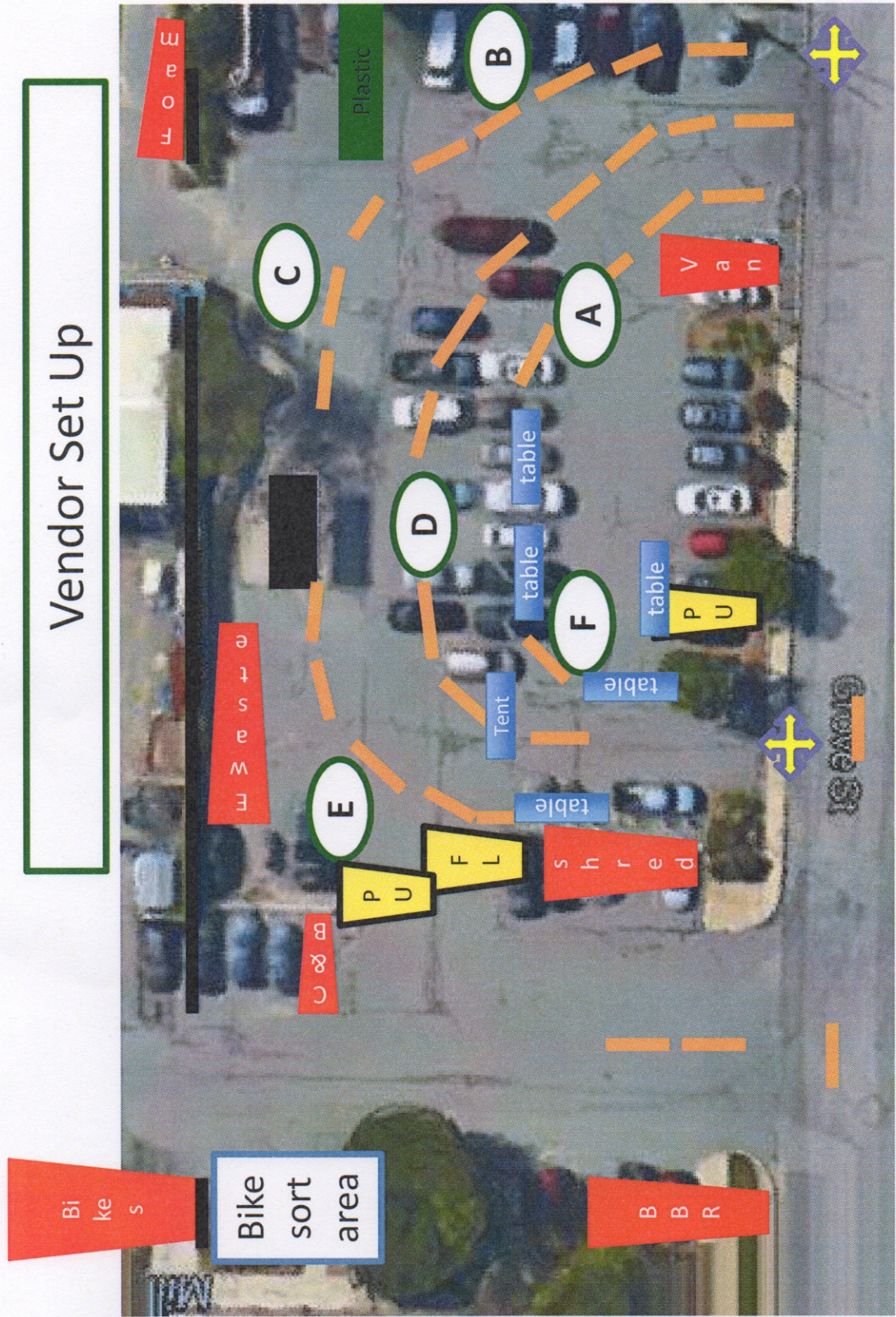
ARC Expense Report

Date	Purchase	Expense	Balance
7/1/2015	Start		3000
11/14/2015	Foam	250 proj	
11/14/2015	Rigid bulk	200 proj	
5/14/2016	Foam	250 proj	
5/14/2016	Rigid bulk	200 proj	
ongoing	Compost bin share	1000	

Priorities for RC in 2016

1. Household Hazardous Waste contract
2. Yard Waste contract for FY 2017
3. FY 2016 DEP grant reporting and application preparation for FY 2017
4. Recycling Center operations, evaluation, expansion and refinement, including evaluation of Community Collection Day
5. Curbside program analysis, including adding fees to disposal of bulky trash items at curb to reach 10% trash tonnage reduction
6. Continue compost outreach, including at schools

Vendor Set Up



PU Pickup
BBR Building material
C+BB Cars & Bottles